

Chesapeake Bay TMDL—We Need You to Comment to EPA!

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Forgive me for including these printed pages in my reply to you. They will express my views better than I could, being an old (95 year) uneducated farmer.

I have always attempted to prevent run-off of my manure. It is too valuable.

I have planted no-till for thirty-five years. I have kept my soil in shape to prevent run-off.

Our farm produces a large tonnage of poultry litter. Your analysis indicates too much phosphorus for our corn & soy-bean crops. Therefore we must sell and haul this litter to another water-shed. We receive about 38 dollars per ton for it delivered. Included is many tons of nitrogen at same price. If a crop calls for nitrogen we have to pay over five hundred dollars per ton.

This is slowly draining the resources from our farm and someday we will just have to quit farming. Thank to system and crab in Chesapeake Bay

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